



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR Fort Gordon Military and Civilian Personnel

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 64 - Family Advocacy Program

1. Reference Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007.
2. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) mission is to prevent and reduce child abuse, child neglect, and spouse/intimate partner abuse. An essential aspect of the FAP mission is to promote strong, resilient Soldiers and Families by establishing information and educational programs and supportive services. The FAP mission also includes ensuring prompt reporting, assessment and investigation of incidents of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected Family members.
3. Family violence is contrary to Army values and threatens the safety and welfare of our military Families and communities. Family violence also undermines unit cohesion, morale, and readiness. Preventing Family violence is a Command priority and responsibility. Family violence includes child abuse, child neglect, and spouse abuse/intimate partner abuse.
4. All tenant commands, agencies, and activities are required to comply with the provisions of Army Regulations (AR) 608-18, Family Advocacy Program, and adhere to the guidance stated in this memorandum. Commanders are responsible for taking immediate steps to alleviate Family violence. Commanders are required to promptly report all incidents of child abuse, child neglect, spouse abuse/intimate partner abuse, to the Fort Gordon (FG) Reporting Point of Contact, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), during and after duty hours at 706-787-3656 or 706-787-5811. Commanders are expected to provide Command representation at Case Review Committee (CRC) meetings and support CRC treatment recommendations.
5. AR 608-18 also stipulates mandatory FAP briefings for Commanders/ Company and Unit Commander and Senior Enlisted (E-7 through E-9) within 45 days after appointment to a Command position and annual training thereafter. In addition to this requirement, all Commanders/Company and Unit Commanders are responsible for scheduling annual FAP Awareness briefings for all Soldiers.
6. Victims of domestic violence and child abuse have a right to receive counseling, treatment, information both legal and educational, safety planning and information and referrals by contacting the FAP Clinical Staff, Victim Advocates (VA) and the Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM). Support for victims is available through FAP, Social Work Services, at

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706-787-3656 and the Victim Advocacy Program at 706-791-3579. Victims have the right to file a restricted report for domestic violence by contacting FG Health Care Providers (to include FAP Clinical Staff), VA, the VA Supervisor or Chaplains. Legal Assistance is available through the FG legal Assistance at 706-791-3148.


7. Offenders of domestic violence and child abuse will be offered counseling, treatment, information and referrals by contacting the FAP Clinical Staff, and the FAPM. Services will be available by contacting the FAP, Social Work Services at 706-787-3656.

8. Commanders should be aware of the Transitional Compensation Program. This program authorizes transitional compensation program payments for dependents of Soldiers when a Soldier has been administratively discharged from service, or has been discharged from service and/or forfeited all pay and allowances by court-martial for dependent abuse that occurred on or after 30 November 1993. In situations of alleged dependent abuse, commanders shall contact the FA or Fort Gordon's Victim Witness Liaison personnel for guidance on the procedures to establish entitlements to transitional compensation.

9. Commanders should be also aware of the New Parent Support Program-Home Visitation (NPSP - HV). The NPSP - HV provides supports to Families through a comprehensive combination of services before and after a child's birth to include: Home visits, parent education, parent/child bonding and playtime, child development, and information and referral. The NPSP - HV is an important voluntary program that is designed to increase parental skills and reduce incidents of child abuse. Both mothers and fathers are encouraged to participate in the NPSP - HV. Home Visitors will provide additional parenting information to fathers, in regards to promoting health and prevention of diseases/disabilities to their children.

10. Taking care of Families is essential to promoting Command readiness and Family wellbeing. It is imperative that the FG community work together in order to prevent Family violence. We can enhance the lives of Army Families by working together.

11. Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is the proponent of this Policy Memorandum.


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